

Unfortunately, it is not likely that there will be a settlement between the EEHA (East End Hospital Alliance) and Empire BlueCross BlueShield before tomorrow.

As of tomorrow, 8-1-2009, these facilities will be considered out of network for Non-emergency care. If a non-Medicare member calls to pre-certify an admission at that time:

**Effective immediately, for scheduled admissions with date of admission on 8/1/09, our staff will begin to steer members to participating facilities. If the patient will not transition to a participating facility**

- **Emergency admissions with admission date of 8/1/09 or after:** If a patient is admitted on an emergency basis on or after the termination date, the case should be set up and reviewed as we do now. We can approve an admission to these facilities if the care is medically necessary.
- **Scheduled admissions: for on or after 8/1/09:** If a patient/provider is requesting admission, we will advise the caller that the facility is no longer participating with Empire, and they should work with their physician to re-schedule the admission or service in a participating facility. If the caller refuses to go to a participating facility and the contract is a **POS/PPO** contract, the patient can use out of network benefit.
- **Scheduled admissions with future dates of admission of 8/1/09 or after/case is approved prior to termination date:** uphold the approval but explain to the member/provider that follow-up care and re-surgeries may not be approved at these facilities
- **Maternity admissions:** If an Empire member is in her second or third trimester of pregnancy as of 8/1/09, the Empire member may continue to receive transitional care from a EEHA facility through the delivery of the child and post partum care directly related to the delivery if the EEHA facility agrees to render their care under the same terms as those specified under their most recent agreement with Empire..
- **Maternity Admissions: Member in her First Trimester:** Steer those members to an in network facility as they will not be eligible for in network benefits as part of the transitional care process.

**Note: If a Suffolk County member requests an admission to one of the above facilities after 8/1/09, and no network facility is located within 30 miles of the member's residence, the nurse can approve the out of network facility in network.**

We will uphold this unless you tell us otherwise.

A Nurse will review all cases prior to approval. Our goal here is to steer them to a Par facility.

<b>Hospital Name</b>	<b>Eastern long Island Hospital</b>	<b>Peconic Bay Medical Center</b>	<b>Southampton Hospital</b>
John T Mather Memorial Hospital 75 North Country Road, Port Jefferson NY 11777	43.7 miles	20.2 miles	37.4 miles
St. Charles Hospital and Rehabilitation Center 200 belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson NY, 11777	43.5 miles	20.9 miles	38.1 miles
Brookhaven Memorial Hospital 101 Hospital Road, Patchogue NY, 11777	48.4 miles	24.8 miles	36.0 miles
St. Catherine of Siena Hospital 50 Route 25A Smithtown, NY 11787	53.7 miles	30.4 miles	43.2 miles
Southside Hospital 301 East Main Street Bay Shore, NY 11706	62.5 miles	39.6 miles	51.2 miles
Huntington Hospital 270 Park Avenue Huntington, NY 11743	63.6 miles	41.0 miles	54.5 miles
Good Samaritan Hospital 1000Montauk Highway West Islip, NY 11795	66 Miles	44 miles	55 miles
North Shore University Hospital-Syosset 221 Jericho Turnpike Syosset NY 11791	70 miles	49 miles	61 miles
Plainview Hospital 888 Old Country Road Plainview, NY, 11803	NA	50 miles	61 miles

Upon receipt of the request for elective admission to one of the EEHA facilities or to receive services from the terminated facilities, the caller is

advised that the facility is no longer participating with the Empire network and the effective date of termination is given.

**The caller is advised the following information regarding their level of benefits in the EEHA Facilities as of 8/1/09:**

- **PPO/POS** can use out of network benefits (**refer caller to provider/member services for specific benefit information**)

**More important info to follow**